

SENATE RESOLUTION 295

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Thaddeus Henry “Thad” Jablonski III for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Thaddeus Henry “Thad” Jablonski III is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee; Thad’s work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Thad Jablonski has achieved academic success while majoring in political science, with a minor in philosophy, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including service as President of Pi Sigma Alpha and a member of the Phi Beta Phi Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating great musical acumen, Mr. Jablonski plays a variety of instruments, including brass instruments, the piano, violin, guitar, mandolin, and bongos and congas; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Thad was a member of the Dean’s List at ETSU and presented a paper on secession rights, which was sponsored by the Philosophy Department; and

WHEREAS, a community leader of no small measure, Mr. Jablonski sits on the Policy Task Force for the National Alliance of Mental Illness in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Jablonski brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Thad had devoted himself to ensuring the seamless function of the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee and his professionalism and helpful demeanor have never faltered; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; even through the recent passing of his beloved grandmother, Laura Marion Jablonski, Thad maintained his professional standards; and

WHEREAS, Thad's many accomplishments are a source of pride for his parents, T. Henry Jablonski and Linda E. Jablonski, who are both public spirited individuals in their own right; T. Henry Jablonski is a distinguished professor at ETSU and the son of Henry Jablonski, who served as president of Washington College Academy from 1953 until 1980, while Mrs. Jablonski is an intensive care nurse; and

WHEREAS, Thad Jablonski is also grateful for the love and support of his nine-year-old son, Christian, an honor roll student at Van Pelt Elementary School in Bristol and an accomplished Cub Scout, who will no doubt follow in the fine footsteps his many remarkable family members, and especially his father; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jablonski has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Thaddeus Henry "Thad" Jablonski III for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.